(c) Even at the time of the inception of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme, it was anticipated that certain restrictions would be imposed by the industrially advanced countries on this project. Therefore, a programme for indigenous development was initiated at the outset. This is being strengthened in view of the export restrictions by other countries. At the same time, where possible, the Government also pursues bilateral discussions with individual countries to explore whether some of these concerns can be addressed through mutually acceptable understandings.

Payment of transport subsidies to Arunachal Pradesh

1684. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 3,21,53988/- is still pending unpaid by Government as transport subsidies under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme with effect from 1988 onward in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh have submitted Transport Subsidy claims amounting to Rs. 3.31 crores and have requested for advance payment for disbursement to the eligible units. They have been advised to first disburse the money and then claim reimbursement as the Scheme works on the basis of reimbursement to the State Governments.

Setting up of Industrial Growth Centre in Arunachal Pradesh

1685. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Industrial Growth Centre in Arunachal/ Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government have submitted a proposal recently to set up one such Growth Centre at Niglok, East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 1988, Arunachal Pradesh has been allotted one growth centre for which the State Government has proposed two locations namely, Niklog-Ngorlung in East Siang district and Hollongi in Lower Subansiri district. The State Government has been asked to furnish certain additional information on the locations.

Protection to PSUs in awarding contracts

1686. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 239 given in Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1992 and state :

(a) whether Government have since taken up the matter with the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka regarding the acceptance of the offer of MAMC, Durgapur for package I and II of the Coal Handling Plant of North Madras Thermal Power Station of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board against global tender;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps to be taken by Government to protect Public Sector Undertakings in awarding contracts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The respective State Governments were requested to consider placing these orders on MAMC. While no response from State Government of Karnataka was received, the State Government of Tamil Nadu's offer to get the approval of ADB

for placing the order on MAMC for the project was not successful due to non-provision of liquidity damages clause as per the specifications.

(c) As and when any assistance is sought by our PSU for awarding contracts, the matter is taken up with the respective State Governments.

Bottlenecks in expansion of cement Industry

1687. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the main bottlenecks in the expansion of cement industry are shortage of wagons and paucity of power; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remove these bottlenecks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a)and (b) As far as wagons are concerned, the Indian Railways had carried 30.51 million tonnes of cement traffic during 1991-92 against a target of 30 million tonnes. Ministry of Railways are confident of achieving the target of 31.5 million tonnes set for the year 1992-93. Cement Industry as well as other industrial sectors are adversely affected by paucity of power in certain States. However, distribution of power is primarily the concern of the State Government. The State Electricity Boards are provided assistance from the Central sector generating units to increase availability of power.

राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम के अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई

1688. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम के कर्मचारी संघ द्वारा लगाए गए आरोपों की जांच पूरी हो गई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या निष्कर्ष निकले हैं, और

(ग) दोषी पाए गए अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग में) राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री पी० जे० कुरियन):(क) से (ग) : राष्ट्रीय लघु उद्योग निगम के कर्मचारी संघ द्वारा लगाए गए आरोपों की जांच की गई है और यह पाया गया है कि इनमें कोई सच्चाई नहीं है।

Recognition of Ambar Charkha by KVIC

1689. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Khadi and Village Industries Commission has not given recognition to pure acrylic spinning and thus depriving the modern Ambar Charkha from subsidies given by the Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are planning to extend recognition to modern Ambar Charkha under the subsidies provisions of the Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIAN) : (a) As far as KVIC is concerned Pure Acrylic Spinning is not recognised by KVIC as it is not a natural fibre. According to KVIC Act "Khadi" means any cloth woven on handlooms in India from Cotton, Silk or Woolen yarn handspun in India or from a mixture of any two or all of such yarns. Therefore, the question of granting of subsidy for pure acrylic spinning does not arise.